

articles and creeds. But the differences of opinion in detail, which in the one case would be privately discussed, and cautiously spoken of, are in the other case, presented and discussed in the formal and public meeting. "There is an awful honesty among you," was the exclamation of a worthy Methodist minister once, as he sat among Unitarians, assembled for deliberative purposes. We claim, indeed, honesty of speech as one of our virtues, and we are fully convinced that in this, as in all things else, honesty is the best policy. We disclaim and scorn all artifices to stifle and hide away conscientious differences of opinion. Let these fairly appear, we say, — let them be freely discussed and charitably considered — and we shall all be helped rather than hindered thereby. It is through this "awful honesty" of the Unitarians, that their "worst heresies" become so patent to the world. For narrow and partizan persons connected with the pulpit and the press are prone to seize on extreme expressions of opinion and taking them out of their just place, exaggerate them into a form which is not true. By ignoring all the related circumstances, which a candid mind would feel itself compelled to include in the whole case on which it was to pass judgment, such persons magnify them into actual, and sometimes gross, misrepresentations.

The topics to be considered by the approaching Convention in Montreal, have not yet been publicly made known. There are, generally, two or three distinct topics presented for consideration by discussion, and the method of introducing each has sometimes been by a brief written essay, prepared and read by a person named for that purpose by the Convention's Committee of arrangements. Then follow remarks, *viva voce*. Besides these, there are several religious services, including sermons, in the usual exercises of the Convention — the whole being commonly concluded with the administration of the Lord's Supper. The proceedings commence on Tuesday evening, and close on Thursday evening.